

Attitudes towards Digital Technology in Secure Environments Scale (ATD-ISE).

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Responses to ATD-ISE

Item	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Neither Agree Nor Disagree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %
Security and Surveillance					
1. I worry that people in prison could use digital technology to contact victims.	25.0	54.0	14.0	4.0	2
2. I worry that people in prison could use digital technology to engage in criminal activity whilst still being in prison.	35.0	52.0	8.0	5.0	0
3. I feel that the use of digital technology in prisons could reduce the potential for violence in prisons^	7	27	36	26	5
4. I would expect that all emails are censored and monitored in prison.	56	31	10	2	0
5. I don't think that it is right for staff in prisons to read prisoners' emails.^	31.0	41	13	10	6
6. I think that using email in prisons could reduce the amount of things that are smuggled in via visits and letters.^	13	29	22	25	11

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7. People in prison who have been convicted of serious offences (e.g terrorism, sexual offences, murder) should not have access to digital technology.	55	31	8	5	0
Compliance, Order & Reducing Reoffending					
8. I think that giving prisoners' access to digital technology could improve safety within prisons.^	13	36	33	14	5
9. I think that giving people in prison access to digital technologies could reduce reoffending rates.^	14	38	27.0	18	3
10. I think that giving people in prison access to social media (eg Facebook, Twitter) may be beneficial for rehabilitation.^	27	35	22	12	4
11. I think that using digital technologies in prisons could have a calming influence on the prison environment.^	12	20	31	33	4
12. People in prison should just be allowed to write letters, they don't need to access digital technology at all.	26	28	27	17	2

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13. I think that the use of digital technology in prisons could serve to improve prisoners' quality of life.^	8	19	25	39	10
Privilege & Access					
14. I would expect all people in prison to earn the opportunity to access digital technology in prisons.	20	38	21	14	8
15. I feel that giving people in prison access to digital technology is a luxury that they don't deserve.	34	24	24	14	4
16. I believe that allowing people in prison access to digital technology is a reasonable service to give them.^	17	26	23	29	5
17. I think it is reasonable to allow people in prison to contact their families when they need to using digital technology.^	11	22	25	33	8
18. I believe that it is important for people in prison to use with digital technology to maintain relationships with friends and family.^	13	26	25	28	10

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20. I think the use of digital technology in prisons could be a good way to improve staff-prisoner relationships.^	14	27	34	21	5
Enhancing Skills					
21. I believe that giving people in prison email could improve their digital skills.^	7	18	25	42	8
22. I believe that giving people in prison email could improve their chances of being employed on release.^	7	15	30	38	10
23. I think that giving people in prison access to digital technology could make their time inside more productive.^	9	41	20	22	8
24. I feel giving people in prison digital technology would allow access to valuable learning opportunities.^	6	9	26	43	17
25. I think that giving people in prison access to email would help to improve their self-confidence.^	9	19	32	34	7
Cost& Implementation					
26. I think that people in prison should pay to use digital technology in prison.	19	33	25	17	6

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27. I think that digital technology in prisons will lead to staff job cuts.	4	11	30	41	15
28. I think digital technologies will help save the tax payer money.^	14	32	38	13	4
29. I think the taxpayer should not be funding digital technology in prisons.	35	27	25	11	3
30. I don't think the prison service has the capacity to deal with digital technology right now.	22	32	30	15	2
31. I think that digital technology in prisons would put additional pressure on staff workloads.	25	37	25	12	0
32. I think digital technologies should be implemented very quickly into our prisons.^	23	26	31	16	4
33. I think that the use of digital technology in prisons represents a necessary step forward.^	12	22	30	31	5

^ Indicates reverse scored items.